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		LUBRICATING OIL COMPOSITION FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION	
		ENGINE	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**(RCE)**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 31, 2007 (Paper No. 20071022) in the above-identified patent application. This response is being timely filed by February 29, 2008 in view of a Petition for Extension of Time (one-month) being simultaneously filed with this response. Further, the finality of the present Office Action has been removed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: